# Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

# Tuesday, March 14, 2006

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 1:00 o'clock, P.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tem.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

E Abdul-Salaam	Cox	Hembree	Manning	Scott, A
Amerson	Crawford	Hill, C	Martin	Scott, M
E Anderson	Cummings	Hill, C.A	May	Setzler
Bearden	Davis	Holt	E McClinton	Shaw
E Beasley-Teague	Dickson	Houston	Meadows	Sims, C
Benfield	E Dollar	E Howard, E	Millar	Sims, F
Benton	Drenner	Hudson	Mills	Smith, B
Black	Ehrhart	Jacobs	Mosley	Smith, L
Borders	England	E Jenkins	Mumford	Smith, P
Bridges	Everson	Jennings	Murphy, J	Smith, R
Brooks	Fleming	Jones, J	Murphy, Q	Smith, T
Brown	E Floyd, J	Jones, S	Neal	Smith, V
Bryant	Forster	Keen	O'Neal	Stephens
Buckner, D	Franklin	Keown	Parham	Talton
Burmeister	Freeman	Kidd	Parrish	Teilhet
Burns	Gardner	Knight	Parsons	Thomas, A.M
Butler	Geisinger	Knox	Powell	Thomas, B
Byrd	Graves, D	Lakly	Reece, B	Tumlin
Carter	Graves, T	E Lane, R	Reece, S	E Warren
Casas	Greene	Lewis	Reese	Wilkinson
Chambers	Hanner	Loudermilk	Rice	Williams, A
Channell	Harbin	Lucas	Roberts	Williams, E
Cheokas	Hatfield	Lunsford	Rogers	E Williams, R
Coleman, B	Heard, J	Maddox	Royal	Yates
Cooper	E Heckstall	Mangham	Scheid	

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Ashe of the 56th, Barnard of the 166th, Bordeaux of the 162nd, Bruce of the 64th, Buckner of the 76th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Cole of the 125th, Coleman of the 144th, Dukes of the 150th, Epps of the 128th, Floyd of the 99th, Fludd of the 66th, Heard of the 114th, Henson of the 87th, Holmes of the 61st, Horne of the 71st, Hugley of the 133rd, Jackson of the 161st, James of the 135th, Jordan of the 77th, Lane of the 158th, Lindsey of the 54th, Lord of the 142nd, Marin of the 96th, Maxwell of the 17th, Mitchell of the 88th, Morris of the 155th, Mosby of the 90th, Oliver of the 83rd, Orrock of the 58th, Porter of the 143rd, Ralston of the 7th, Randall of the 138th, Ray of the 136th, Rynders of the 152nd, Sheldon of the 105th, Sinkfield of the 60th, Stanley-Turner of the 53rd, Stephenson of the 92nd, Walker of the 107th, Watson of the 91st, Willard of the 49th, and Wix of the 33rd.

They wish to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Bruce Hamrick, Senior Pastor, Life's Hope Baptist Church, Powder Springs, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Heard of the 104th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

- 1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.
- 2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.
- 3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.
- 4. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.
- 6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1610. By Representatives England of the 108th and Benton of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating the City of Winder, Georgia, in the County of Barrow, approved March 25, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3476), as amended, so as to annex certain territory into the City of Winder and thereby change the corporate limits of such city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1611. By Representatives Forster of the 3rd, Dickson of the 6th and Neal of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of elections and registration for Catoosa County, approved March 22, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4371), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4251), so as to correct the terms of office of members of the board; to correct a typographical error; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1612. By Representatives Forster of the 3rd and Neal of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of utilities commissioners for Catoosa County, approved March 17, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3499), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4416), so as to provide for a limit on the number of terms which members of such board may serve; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1613. By Representatives Murphy of the 23rd, Knox of the 24th and Amerson of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Forsyth County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4558), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5579), so as to change the compensation of the judges of the State Court of Forsyth County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1614. By Representative Barnard of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Glennville, approved August 21, 1911 (Ga. L. 1911, p. 1228), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 22, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4466), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1615. By Representatives Buckner of the 76th, Dodson of the 75th, Jordan of the 77th, Abdul-Salaam of the 74th and Sinkfield of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to establish the "Clayton County Commission on Children and Youth"; to provide for matters relative thereto; to provide an effective date; to provide for automatic repeal of this Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1616. By Representatives Scott of the 2nd and Neal of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Walker County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead after a three-year phase in period for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1617. By Representatives Buckner of the 76th, Dodson of the 75th, Jordan of the 77th, Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Sinkfield of the 60th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a Heritage Trail Commission for Clayton County and to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for the composition of the commission and the selection and appointment of members; to provide for meetings, procedures, and operational bylaws; to provide for findings; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for dissolution; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1618. By Representatives Oliver of the 83rd, Benfield of the 85th, Chambers of the 81st, Jacobs of the 80th, Jennings of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act so as to remove ad valorem taxes levied by DeKalb County to finance the provision of certain governmental services, known as the "DeKalb County Special Services Tax Districts Act," approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4396), as amended,

so as to remove ad valorem taxes for district services for all districts; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HR 1794. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Harbin of the 118th, Burkhalter of the 50th and Jones of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Court Surcharges and Additional Fines; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HR 1795. By Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Cooper of the 41st, Manning of the 32nd, Lord of the 142nd, Benfield of the 85th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Tanning Salon Consumer Protection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HR 1797. By Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Jordan of the 77th, Heckstall of the 62nd, Buckner of the 76th, Sinkfield of the 60th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the State Board of Technical and Adult Education and the Department of Technical and Adult Education to establish a technical college in Riverdale, Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1600	SB 177
HB 1601	SB 334
HB 1602	SB 420
HB 1603	SB 480
HB 1604	SB 495
HB 1607	SB 503
HB 1608	SB 570
HB 1609	SB 573
HR 1734	SB 592
HR 1777	SB 606

HR 1778	SB 615
HR 1789	SR 793
HR 1790	SR 954
HR 1791	SR 955

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Representative Smith of the 168th District, Chairman of the Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs, submitted the following report:

# Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1583	Do Pass	HR 1695	Do Pass
HB 1584	Do Pass	HR 1696	Do Pass
HB 1586	Do Pass	HR 1697	Do Pass
HB 1591	Do Pass	SB 299	Do Pass
HB 1594	Do Pass	SB 387	Do Pass
HB 1597	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Smith of the 168th Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 31st Legislative Day as enumerated below:

### DEBATE CALENDAR

# **Open Rule**

SB 381 State Flags; qualifying public safety officers killed in the line of duty; honor service (PF)

SB 436 Technical/Adult Education, State Board of; meetings; change provisions

# **Modified Open Rule**

None

#### **Modified Structured Rule**

None

#### **Structured Rule**

None

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Ehrhart of the 36th Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

# HB 1583. By Representative Sims of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the employment of marshals in Coffee County; to provide for the appointment, duties, and term of such marshals; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

# HB 1584. By Representatives Smith of the 113th and Holt of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Morgan County Building Authority; to provide for a short title and legislative findings; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for the membership and the appointment of members of the authority and their terms of office, qualifications, duties, powers, and compensation; to provide for vacancies, organization, meetings, and expenses; to provide for definitions; to provide

for revenue bonds and their negotiability, sale, and use of proceeds from such sales; to provide for conditions for issuance; to prohibit the pledge of credit for the payment of bonds; to provide for trust indentures and a sinking fund; to provide for payment of bond proceeds; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1586. By Representatives Keen of the 179th, Lane of the 167th and Hill of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Brunswick, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 3911), as amended, so as to change certain provisions relating to nomination of candidates; to provide for submission for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1591. By Representatives Hill of the 21st, Byrd of the 20th and Murphy of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Ball Ground to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1594. By Representatives Greene of the 149th and Hanner of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Airport Authority; to provide for a short title and legislative findings; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for the membership and the appointment of members of the authority and their terms of office, qualifications, duties, powers, and compensation; to provide for

vacancies, organization, meetings, and expenses; to prohibit authority employees and members from having certain interests; to provide for definitions; to provide for succession in interest to the Cuthbert-Randolph Airport Authority; to provide for revenue bonds and their form, signatures thereon, negotiability, sale, and use of proceeds from such sales; to provide for interim documents and for lost or mutilated documents; to provide for condition for issuance; to prohibit the pledge of credit for the payment of bonds; to provide for trust indentures and sinking fund; to provide for an effective date; to repeal a certain Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1597. By Representatives Anderson of the 123rd, Lord of the 142nd and Burns of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of the members of the board of education of Burke County, approved March 27, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4481), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 6, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3944), so as to change certain provisions regarding the compensation and expense allowance of the members of the board; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HR 1695. By Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Henson of the 87th, Gardner of the 57th, Watson of the 91st, Benfield of the 85th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending DeKalb County, its commissioners, and citizens for adopting and implementing a 75 foot stream buffer protection as part of the environmental protection section of DeKalb County's Land Development Ordinance; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

HR 1696. By Representatives Chambers of the 81st and Jacobs of the 80th:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the process of the City of Chamblee's proposal for annexation of neighboring communities; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

HR 1697. By Representatives Chambers of the 81st and Jacobs of the 80th:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the process of the City of Doraville's proposal for annexation of neighboring communities; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

SB 299. By Senator Goggans of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Patterson in the County of Pierce, approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4545), as amended, so as to reduce the number of members of the city council from six to five members; to provide for the time and manner of election of the mayor and council; to provide for the terms of the mayor and council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 387. By Senator Butler of the 55th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Clarkston ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$20,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or over; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills and Resolutions.

On the passage of the Bills, and on the adoption of the Resolutions, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Abdul-Salaam Y Crawford	Y Hill, C.A	Y Martin	Y Sailor
Y Amerson Y Cummings	Holmes	Maxwell	Y Scheid
E Anderson Y Davis	Holt	Y May	Y Scott, A
Ashe Y Day	Y Horne	McCall	E Scott, M
Y Barnard Dean	Y Houston	E McClinton	Y Setzler
Barnes Y Dickson	E Howard, E	Y Meadows	Y Shaw
Y Bearden Y Dodson	Y Hudson	Millar	Y Sheldon
E Beasley-Teague E Dollar	Y Hugley	Y Mills	Y Sims, C
Y Benfield Y Drenner	Jackson	Mitchell	Y Sims, F
Y Benton Dukes	Y Jacobs	Morgan	Sinkfield
Y Black Y Ehrhart	Y James	Y Morris	Y Smith, B
Y Bordeaux Y England	Jamieson	Y Mosby	Y Smith, L
Y Borders Y Epps	E Jenkins	Y Mosley	Y Smith, P
Y Bridges Y Everson	Y Jennings	Mumford	Y Smith, R
Y Brooks Y Fleming	Y Johnson	Y Murphy, J	Y Smith, T
E Brown Floyd, H	Jones, J	Y Murphy, Q	E Smith, V
Y Bruce E Floyd, J	Y Jones, S	Y Neal	Y Smyre
Y Bryant Y Fludd	Y Jordan	Y Oliver	Y Stanley-Turner
Y Buckner, D Y Forster	Y Keen	O'Neal	Y Stephens
Y Buckner, G Y Franklin	Y Keown	Y Orrock	Y Stephenson
Y Burkhalter Freeman	Y Kidd	Y Parham	Y Talton
Y Burmeister Y Gardner	Y Knight	Y Parrish	Y Teilhet
Burns Y Geisinger	Knox	Y Parsons	Y Thomas, A.M
Y Butler Golick	Y Lakly	Y Porter	Y Thomas, B
Y Byrd Y Graves, D	Y Lane, B	Y Powell	Y Tumlin
Y Carter E Graves, T	E Lane, R	Y Ralston	Y Walker
Y Casas Y Greene	Lewis	Y Randall	E Warren
Y Chambers Y Hanner	Y Lindsey	Y Ray	Y Watson
Y Channell Y Harbin	Y Lord	Y Reece, B	Y Wilkinson
Y Cheokas Hatfield	Loudermilk	Y Reece, S	Y Willard
Y Coan Y Heard, J	Y Lucas	Y Reese	Y Williams, A
Y Cole Y Heard, K	Y Lunsford	Y Rice	Y Williams, E
Y Coleman, B E Heckstall	Y Maddox	Y Roberts	E Williams, R
Y Coleman, T Y Hembree	Y Mangham	Rogers	Y Wix
Y Cooper Y Henson	Y Manning	E Royal	Y Yates
Cox Y Hill, C	Y Marin	Y Rynders	Richardson,
			Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, and on the adoption of the Resolutions, the ayes were 135, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed, and the Resolutions, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were adopted.

Representatives Burns of the 157th, Cox of the 102nd, and Lewis of the 15th stated that they had been called from the floor of the House during the preceding roll call. They wished to be recorded as voting "aye" thereon.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Ewing, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate and House:

SB 101. By Senators Wiles of the 37th, Harp of the 29th, Reed of the 35th and Weber of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for requests that a hearing, trial, or other proceeding be held before an elected judge of the superior or state court, as the case may be; to provide for a definition; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 191. By Senators Tolleson of the 20th, Bulloch of the 11th, Johnson of the 1st and Pearson of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Environmental Protection Division, the Environmental Advisory Council, duties of the council, its members, and the director of the division, procedure for aggrieved persons, and inspections, so as to provide for expedited review of certain applications for permits or variances performed by qualified professionals under contract with the division for such purpose; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

SB 223. By Senators Harbison of the 15th, Johnson of the 1st and Brown of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, so as to provide for the development and implementation of a state-wide first responder building mapping information system; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for definitions; to provide for grants to local governments; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for immunity; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 248. By Senator Thomas of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to transfer of Division of Rehabilitation Services to Department of Labor, so as to provide for the delivery of certain services and techniques to deaf-blind individuals by an organization

knowledgeable on deaf-blind issues; to provide that the division integrates the services and techniques into its standard practices and procedures; to provide for a time frame to retain the services of an organization to provide services and techniques to deaf-blind individuals and training on such services and techniques; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 306. By Senators Hamrick of the 30th and Harp of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 8 of Article 8 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital and nursing home liens, so as to change notice and filing provisions with respect to certain liens; to change a provision relating to the effect of release or covenant not to sue on hospitals and other medical provider liens; to change a provision relating to the effect of this part on a settlement or release entered into before entry into a hospital, nursing home, or traumatic burn care medical facility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 402. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Douglas of the 17th, Hill of the 4th, Adelman of the 42nd, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to create a free distinctive license plate for recipients of the Bronze Star; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 422. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Harp of the 29th, Butler of the 55th, Balfour of the 9th and Shafer of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to chiropractors, so as to provide definitions; to provide for the scope of practice; to increase the penalty for improper practice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 431. By Senators Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Stephens of the 27th, Williams of the 19th, Pearson of the 51st, Heath of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 6 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the authority of the Department of Transportation to order the removal and relocation of utility facilities occupying any part of the public road system, so as to provide that a

utility that fails to remove or relocate a facility in a timely manner shall be responsible to the department and its contractors for failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 483. By Senators Seay of the 34th, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Zamarripa of the 36th, Reed of the 35th, Goggans of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public roads generally, so as to provide that the Department of Transportation shall conduct a study of each county to identify road corridors along which synchronized traffic signals would significantly improve the flow of traffic; to provide for a certain report; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 491. By Senators Schaefer of the 50th, Grant of the 25th, Douglas of the 17th and Balfour of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 15 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to serious traffic offenses, so as to provide that a person convicted of driving under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or other intoxicating substances on the fifth or subsequent offense shall be guilty of a felony; to prescribe the punishment therefor; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 541. By Senators Hill of the 32nd, Pearson of the 51st, Staton of the 18th and Chance of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computer systems protection, so as to provide that no person shall transmit to an electronic address in Georgia any message that contains advertising material for viewing, use, consumption, sale, lease, or rental only by persons over 18 years of age unless the first eight characters of the subject line are "ADV:ADLT"; to provide for penalties; to provide for civil actions; to provide for damages; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 550. By Senators Thomas of the 54th, Johnson of the 1st, Balfour of the 9th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Hamrick of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to waste management, so as to provide

for a collection and recovery program for mercury switches removed from end-of-life vehicles in this state; to provide a short title; to provide for legislative purpose; to define certain terms; to provide for mercury minimization plans; to provide for review and approval of such plans; to provide for removal of mercury switches in accordance with such plans; to provide for reports; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for penalties and enforcement; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 565. By Senators Staton of the 18th, Unterman of the 45th, Schaefer of the 50th, Chance of the 16th, Goggans of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to establish the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission; to provide for its composition, membership, duties, and responsibilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 572. By Senators Goggans of the 7th, Stephens of the 27th, Williams of the 19th, Douglas of the 17th, Pearson of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to establish and define a crime of medical assistance managed care fraud; to change certain provisions relating to administrative hearings and appeals; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 574. By Senators Bulloch of the 11th, Tolleson of the 20th, Carter of the 13th and Meyer von Bremen of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incorporation of municipal corporations, so as to provide that no municipal corporation shall be incorporated which has the same name as an existing municipal corporation or a name which is confusingly similar to that of an existing municipal corporation; to provide for certification of compliance; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 578. By Senators Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Cagle of the 49th, Hudgens of the 47th, Tolleson of the 20th and Stephens of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to sewage holding tanks, and Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A.,

relating to the Department of Human Resources, so as to provide that a commercial waste tank truck receiving or disposing of commercial waste may be inspected and permitted annually pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Human Resources; to provide for certain provisions allowing for the satisfaction of Title 12 inspection requirements by inspections required in Title 31; to provide for certain provisions allowing for the satisfaction of Title 31 inspection requirements by inspections required in Title 12; to provide that inspections satisfied in one county or municipality in the state shall be accepted throughout the state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 582. By Senators Pearson of the 51st, Cagle of the 49th, Schaefer of the 50th, Rogers of the 21st, Douglas of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the University System of Georgia, so as to provide that students who have completed a home study program who apply for admission to member institutions of the University System of Georgia as an undergraduate student and who meet certain criteria shall be considered for admission under the same basis; to authorize the board of regents to promulgate rules and regulations regarding such admissions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 583. By Senators Hamrick of the 30th and Shafer of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for criminal trials, so as to provide a method for the waiver of the right to trial by jury in a criminal case; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability and an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 585. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Moody of the 56th and Balfour of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 9 of the O.C.G.A., relating to parties in execution, so as to provide that executions for ad valorem property taxes or assessments shall be governed exclusively by Title 48; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to tax executions, so as to define certain terms; to provide for the purchase of tax executions and the transfer of rights; to provide for the termination of such right; to provide for collection; to provide for notice; to provide for a right of satisfaction; to provide for interest and fees; to provide for notice in the event

certain information is unavailable; to provide that certain officials and their employees shall not have the right to purchase tax executions; to provide a penalty; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 588. By Senators Rogers of the 21st, Shafer of the 48th and Staton of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fair business practices, so as to prohibit the use or display of social security numbers except in specified circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 594. By Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Golden of the 8th, Thompson of the 5th, Brown of the 26th and Reed of the 35th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-157 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the uniform reporting system for certain purposes, so as to provide for weighting of grades for honors, advanced placement, and international baccalaureate courses for purposes of determining eligibility for postsecondary scholarships, grants, or loans; to provide for the establishment of minimum state-wide standards for honors courses; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 596. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Cagle of the 49th, Carter of the 13th, Kemp of the 46th, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health, so as to provide a short title; to provide legislative intent and findings; to provide definitions; to create the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank for postnatal tissue and fluid; to provide for donations and information concerning donations; to provide for certain procedures and costs and fees associated with such bank; to provide for the creation of the Georgia Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative and the membership, appointment, terms of office, and duties of such commission; to provide for certain funding mechanisms; to prohibit human cloning; to provide for civil and criminal penalties; to provide for related matters; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to income tax returns and information, so as to authorize taxpayers to make certain contributions through the income tax payment and refund process; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 597. By Senators Pearson of the 51st, Balfour of the 9th, Cagle of the 49th, Powell of the 23rd, Schaefer of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-311 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county boards of equalization and tax appeal procedures, so as to change certain provisions regarding recovery of certain appeal costs by a taxpayer; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 603. By Senators Thomas of the 54th, Goggans of the 7th, Balfour of the 9th, Williams of the 19th, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to definitions relative to regulation of controlled substances, so as to revise the definition of "practitioner"; to amend Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to nurses, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for enactment of rules and regulations affecting advanced practice registered nurses; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the physicians, so as to provide for a physician to delegate certain medical acts to allow an advanced practice registered nurse to issue prescription drug orders and provide professional samples, order diagnostic studies, medical devices, and in certain life-threatening situations to order radiographic imaging; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 604. By Senators Harp of the 29th, Tolleson of the 20th and Harbison of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to current use assessment for bona fide conservation use property, residential transitional property, application procedures, penalties for breach of covenant, classification on tax digest, and annual report, so as to change certain provisions relating to buffers adjacent to rivers or perennial streams; to provide for current use assessment for certain undeveloped land areas within buffer zones established by law or local ordinance adjacent to rivers, perennial streams, or reservoirs; to provide for exemptions from certain covenant and penalty provisions; to provide for loss current use assessment in certain circumstances; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 610. By Senators Moody of the 56th, Balfour of the 9th, Starr of the 44th, Thomas of the 54th and Chance of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-2065 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to waiver of provisions of Title 20 for charter schools, requirements for operating charter schools, and the control and management of charter schools, so as to provide that nothing shall preclude the use of computer and Internet based instruction for students in a virtual or remote setting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

SB 613. By Senators Bulloch of the 11th, Kemp of the 46th, Hudgens of the 47th, Tarver of the 22nd and Henson of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to farmers' markets, so as to change certain provisions relating to authority of the Commissioner of Agriculture to provide for safety and security at farmers' markets; to provide for law enforcement on the premises of farmer's markets; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 618. By Senator Moody of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the short title and purpose of the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to change certain provisions relating to eligibility of enrollment for children in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Human Resources; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 619. By Senators Tolleson of the 20th, Bulloch of the 11th, Harp of the 29th and Hudgens of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide for a special license plate supporting programs for persons with brain-related disorders and disabilities; to provide for a portion of the revenue to go to Pilot International; to provide for issuance, renewal, fees, licensing agreements, applications, and transfers relative to such special license plates; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 620. By Senator Carter of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official

Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, so as to provide for the imposition of fee by motor vehicle rental companies with respect to certain motor vehicle fees and taxes; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for applicability of sales and use taxation with respect to such fees; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 622. By Senators Tarver of the 22nd and Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 15 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital acquisition, so as to change certain provisions relating to notice of acquisition to the Attorney General; to change certain provisions relating to content and form of notice to the Attorney General, fees, and retention of experts; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 624. By Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Chance of the 16th, Harp of the 29th, Staton of the 18th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior court, so as to provide for a sixth judge of the superior courts of the Coweta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judge to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties comprising said circuit; to authorize the judges of such circuit to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to declare inherent authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 636. By Senator Bulloch of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 1-3-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions of terms used in such code or other laws of the state, so as to define the term biodiesel fuel; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 637. By Senator Smith of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to "Joshua's Law," so as to change the membership of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission; to

repeal Section 1 of an Act approved May 10, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 1461), so as to repeal a priority concerning a certain distribution of fines and forfeitures; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 638. By Senators Chance of the 16th, Douglas of the 17th, Stephens of the 27th and Carter of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-14-518 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to liens on aircraft for labor and materials and for contracts of indemnity, so as to provide for filing a notice of intention to claim a lien with the clerk of the superior court; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 644. By Senators Hudgens of the 47th and Kemp of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the compensation of the members and chairperson of the board of education of Madison County; to provide for procedures relative to such increase in compensation; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 648. By Senators Cagle of the 49th and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Medical Assistance Act of 1977," so as to provide that the Department of Community Health shall establish a comprehensive program to monitor for and detect the provision of medical assistance benefits to ineligible individuals; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 652. By Senator Thompson of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Austell in Cobb and Douglas counties, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4902), as amended, so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the city council; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for manner of election; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

# HB 491. By Representative Jenkins of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the office of Commissioner of Towns County, approved March 14, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4130), as amended, so as to reconstitute the board of commissioners of Towns County and revise and restate the law relating to the board; to provide for continuation in office of the present sole county commissioner; to provide for election of the five-member board of commissioners upon a vacancy in the office of sole commissioner; to provide for exercise of the power of the sole commissioner by the judge of the probate court until the vacancy is filled; to provide for the establishment of commissioner districts; to provide for the election and terms of office for subsequent members; to provide for filling vacancies; to provide for the powers, duties, and authority of the chairperson and members of the board; to provide for contingent effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

# HB 1161. By Representatives Greene of the 149th and Hanner of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Southwest Georgia Technology Authority, so as to provide for communication systems projects in Clay, Quitman, Randolph, and Stewart counties; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for membership; to provide for a governing board and its terms, organization, vacancies, and meetings; to provide for the powers and duties of the authority; to provide for services, procurement, and bonding; to provide for revenue bonds and their form, interest rates, denominations, payment, signatures, negotiability, exemption from taxation, sale, proceeds, interim bonds, and replacement; to provide for conditions for issuance of bonds and that they will not constitute certain debts; to provide for trust indentures, sinking fund, and payment of proceeds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

# HB 1414. By Representatives Holt of the 112th, Mumford of the 95th and Lunsford of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize Newton County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers except for condemnation and eminent domain under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

# HB 1415. By Representatives Holt of the 112th, Mumford of the 95th and Lunsford of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Newton County; to provide for a short title; to provide for the purposes of said district or districts; to provide for definitions; to provide for a board to administer said district or districts; to provide for the appointment and election of members of said board or boards; to provide for taxes, fees, and assessments; to provide for establishment of the boundaries of said district or districts; to provide for a tax cap; to specify conditions whereby the continued existence of the district or districts or the continued existence of any one or more of the powers granted to the district or districts may be terminated; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide for dissolution; to provide the procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

# HB 1434. By Representative Mills of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Flowery Branch, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3404), as amended, particularly by an ordinance filed with the Secretary of State on February 17, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 4274), so as to change the powers and duties of the mayor; to provide for a city manager; to provide for the appointment of a city clerk; to provide for the appointment of a city attorney; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

# HB 1469. By Representative Sims of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Willacoochee, approved December 22, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Nov.-Dec. Sess., p. 3039), as amended, so as to authorize the mayor and aldermen to impose a gross receipts tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

# HB 1478. By Representative Bridges of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Demorest; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, election, terms, vacancies, compensation, expenses, qualifications, prohibitions, conflicts of interest, and suspension and removal from office

relative to members of such governing authority; to provide for inquiries and investigations; to provide for oaths, organization, meetings, quorum, voting, rules, and procedures; to provide for ordinances and codes; to provide for a city manager, mayor, and mayor pro tempore and certain duties, powers, and other matters relative thereto; to repeal an Act granting a new charter to the City of Demorest, approved August 15, 1917 (Ga. L. 1917, p. 656), as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1515. By Representatives Lane of the 167th, Keen of the 179th and Hill of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of a community improvement district in Glynn County; to provide for a short title; to provide for the purposes of said district; to provide for definitions; to provide for a board to administer said district; to provide for the appointment and election of members of said board; to provide for taxes, fees, and assessments; to provide for the boundaries of said district; to provide for debt of said district other than bonded indebtedness; to provide for cooperation with local governments; to provide for powers of said board; to provide for construction; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide for dissolutions; to provide the procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolutions of the Senate:

SR 126. By Senator Thomas of the 54th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the memory of Clint H. Bryant and designating the bridge by which SR 2 crosses over the Conasauga River at Beaverdale as the Clint H. Bryant Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

SR 374. By Senator Schaefer of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION commending Roger Caudell and dedicating the "Roger Caudell Highway"; and for other purposes.

SR 804. By Senators Moody of the 56th and Shafer of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION to create the North Fulton Boundary Commission; and for other purposes.

SR 817. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Cagle of the 49th, Rogers of the 21st, Schaefer of the 50th, Pearson of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to restrict amendments that increase appropriations made by the general appropriations Act; to provide for a short title; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

SR 853. By Senators Hill of the 32nd, Unterman of the 45th, Tate of the 38th, Thomas of the 54th and Goggans of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Hospital Health Care Standards Commission; and for other purposes.

SR 873. By Senators Stoner of the 6th, Wiles of the 37th, Hill of the 32nd, Rogers of the 21st and Thompson of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION commending the accomplishments of Emory Parrish and dedicating the Emory Parrish Interchange; and for other purposes.

SR 1028. By Senator Thompson of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr., and dedicating the Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr. Memorial Highway in his memory; and for other purposes.

SR 1034. By Senator Goggans of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the life of SGT Mathew Vincent Gibbs and dedicating the SGT Mathew Vincent Gibbs Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

SR 1081. By Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Balfour of the 9th, Hill of the 32nd, Shafer of the 48th and Goggans of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Georgia Broadband Education Task Force; and for other purposes.

SR 1085. By Senators Cagle of the 49th and Hill of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for a retirement income exclusion of \$50,000.00 for taxpayers 62 years of age or older and a complete income exclusion for taxpayers 65 years

of age or older; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

SR 1093. By Senator Grant of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the life of Durward D. (Red) Murphy and dedicating the Durward D. (Red) Murphy Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

SR 1094. By Senator Grant of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the life of Charles S. (Buddy) Cowan, Jr., and dedicating the Charles S. (Buddy) Cowan, Jr. Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

SR 1104. By Senators Harp of the 29th and Tolleson of the 20th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize an exemption from the covenant requirement for bona fide conservation use property as to stream buffer areas for purposes of current use assessment for ad valorem taxation; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 101. By Senators Wiles of the 37th, Harp of the 29th, Reed of the 35th and Weber of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for requests that a hearing, trial, or other proceeding be held before an elected judge of the superior or state court, as the case may be; to provide for a definition; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 191. By Senators Tolleson of the 20th, Bulloch of the 11th, Johnson of the 1st and Pearson of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Environmental Protection Division, the Environmental Advisory Council, duties of the council, its members, and the director of the division, procedure for aggrieved persons, and inspections, so as to provide for expedited review of certain applications for permits or variances performed by qualified professionals under contract with the division for such purpose; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

SB 223. By Senators Harbison of the 15th, Johnson of the 1st and Brown of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, so as to provide for the development and implementation of a state-wide first responder building mapping information system; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for definitions; to provide for grants to local governments; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for immunity; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 248. By Senator Thomas of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to transfer of Division of Rehabilitation Services to Department of Labor, so as to provide for the delivery of certain services and techniques to deaf-blind individuals by an organization knowledgeable on deaf-blind issues; to provide that the division integrates the services and techniques into its standard practices and procedures; to provide for a time frame to retain the services of an organization to provide services and techniques to deaf-blind individuals and training on such services and techniques; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SB 306. By Senators Hamrick of the 30th and Harp of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 8 of Article 8 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital and nursing home liens, so as to change notice and filing provisions with respect

to certain liens; to change a provision relating to the effect of release or covenant not to sue on hospitals and other medical provider liens; to change a provision relating to the effect of this part on a settlement or release entered into before entry into a hospital, nursing home, or traumatic burn care medical facility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 402. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Douglas of the 17th, Hill of the 4th, Adelman of the 42nd, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to create a free distinctive license plate for recipients of the Bronze Star; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

SB 422. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Harp of the 29th, Butler of the 55th, Balfour of the 9th and Shafer of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to chiropractors, so as to provide definitions; to provide for the scope of practice; to increase the penalty for improper practice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 431. By Senators Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Stephens of the 27th, Williams of the 19th, Pearson of the 51st, Heath of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 6 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the authority of the Department of Transportation to order the removal and relocation of utility facilities occupying any part of the public road system, so as to provide that a utility that fails to remove or relocate a facility in a timely manner shall be responsible to the department and its contractors for failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SB 483. By Senators Seay of the 34th, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Zamarripa of the 36th, Reed of the 35th, Goggans of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public roads generally, so as to provide that the Department of Transportation shall conduct a study of each county to identify road corridors along which synchronized traffic signals would significantly improve the flow of traffic; to provide for a certain report; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SB 491. By Senators Schaefer of the 50th, Grant of the 25th, Douglas of the 17th and Balfour of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 15 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to serious traffic offenses, so as to provide that a person convicted of driving under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or other intoxicating substances on the fifth or subsequent offense shall be guilty of a felony; to prescribe the punishment therefor; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 541. By Senators Hill of the 32nd, Pearson of the 51st, Staton of the 18th and Chance of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computer systems protection, so as to provide that no person shall transmit to an electronic address in Georgia any message that contains advertising material for viewing, use, consumption, sale, lease, or rental only by persons over 18 years of age unless the first eight characters of the subject line are "ADV:ADLT"; to provide for penalties; to provide for civil actions; to provide for damages; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 550. By Senators Thomas of the 54th, Johnson of the 1st, Balfour of the 9th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Hamrick of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to waste management, so as to provide for a collection and recovery program for mercury switches removed from end-of-life vehicles in this state; to provide a short title; to provide for legislative purpose; to define certain terms; to provide for mercury minimization plans; to provide for review and approval of such plans; to provide for removal of mercury switches in accordance with such plans; to provide for reports; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for penalties and enforcement; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

SB 565. By Senators Staton of the 18th, Unterman of the 45th, Schaefer of the 50th, Chance of the 16th, Goggans of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to establish the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission; to provide for its composition, membership, duties, and responsibilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 572. By Senators Goggans of the 7th, Stephens of the 27th, Williams of the 19th, Douglas of the 17th, Pearson of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to establish and define a crime of medical assistance managed care fraud; to change certain provisions relating to administrative hearings and appeals; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 574. By Senators Bulloch of the 11th, Tolleson of the 20th, Carter of the 13th and Meyer von Bremen of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incorporation of municipal

corporations, so as to provide that no municipal corporation shall be incorporated which has the same name as an existing municipal corporation or a name which is confusingly similar to that of an existing municipal corporation; to provide for certification of compliance; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SB 578. By Senators Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Cagle of the 49th, Hudgens of the 47th, Tolleson of the 20th and Stephens of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to sewage holding tanks, and Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Department of Human Resources, so as to provide that a commercial waste tank truck receiving or disposing of commercial waste may be inspected and permitted annually pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Human Resources; to provide for certain provisions allowing for the satisfaction of Title 12 inspection requirements by inspections required in Title 31; to provide for certain provisions allowing for the satisfaction of Title 31 inspection requirements by inspections required in Title 12; to provide that inspections satisfied in one county or municipality in the state shall be accepted throughout the state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

SB 582. By Senators Pearson of the 51st, Cagle of the 49th, Schaefer of the 50th, Rogers of the 21st, Douglas of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the University System of Georgia, so as to provide that students who have completed a home study program who apply for admission to member institutions of the University System of Georgia as an undergraduate student and who meet certain criteria shall be considered for admission under the same basis; to authorize the board of regents to promulgate rules and regulations regarding such admissions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 583. By Senators Hamrick of the 30th and Shafer of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for criminal trials, so as to provide a method for the waiver of the right to trial by jury in a criminal case; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability and an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 585. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Moody of the 56th and Balfour of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 9 of the O.C.G.A., relating to parties in execution, so as to provide that executions for ad valorem property taxes or assessments shall be governed exclusively by Title 48; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to tax executions, so as to define certain terms; to provide for the purchase of tax executions and the transfer of rights; to provide for the termination of such right; to provide for collection; to provide for notice; to provide for a right of satisfaction; to provide for interest and fees; to provide for notice in the event certain information is unavailable; to provide that certain officials and their employees shall not have the right to purchase tax executions; to provide a penalty; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 588. By Senators Rogers of the 21st, Shafer of the 48th, Staton of the 18th and Hill of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fair business practices, so as to prohibit the use or display of social security numbers except in specified circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 594. By Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Golden of the 8th, Thompson of the 5th, Brown of the 26th and Reed of the 35th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-157 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the uniform reporting system for certain purposes, so as to provide for weighting of grades for honors, advanced placement, and international baccalaureate courses for purposes of determining eligibility for postsecondary scholarships, grants, or loans; to provide for the establishment of minimum state-wide standards for honors courses; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 596. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Cagle of the 49th, Carter of the 13th, Kemp of the 46th, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health, so as to provide a short title; to provide legislative intent and findings; to provide definitions; to create the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank for postnatal tissue and fluid; to provide for donations and information concerning donations; to provide for certain procedures and costs and fees associated with such bank; to provide for the creation of the Georgia Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative and the membership, appointment, terms of office, and duties of such commission; to provide for certain funding mechanisms; to prohibit human cloning; to provide for civil and criminal penalties; to provide for related matters; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to income tax returns and information, so as to authorize taxpayers to make certain contributions through the income tax payment and refund process; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 597. By Senators Pearson of the 51st, Balfour of the 9th, Cagle of the 49th, Powell of the 23rd, Schaefer of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-311 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county boards of equalization and tax appeal procedures, so as to change certain provisions regarding recovery of certain appeal costs by a taxpayer; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 603. By Senators Thomas of the 54th, Goggans of the 7th, Balfour of the 9th, Williams of the 19th, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to definitions relative to regulation of controlled substances, so as to revise the definition of "practitioner"; to amend Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to nurses, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for enactment of rules and regulations affecting advanced practice registered nurses; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the physicians, so as to provide for a physician to delegate certain medical acts to allow an advanced practice registered nurse to issue prescription drug orders and provide professional samples, order diagnostic studies, medical devices, and in certain lifethreatening situations to order radiographic imaging; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 604. By Senators Harp of the 29th, Tolleson of the 20th and Harbison of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to current use assessment for bona fide conservation use property, residential transitional property, application procedures, penalties for breach of covenant, classification on tax digest, and annual report, so as to change certain provisions relating to buffers adjacent to rivers or perennial streams; to provide for current use assessment for certain undeveloped land areas within buffer zones established by law or local ordinance adjacent to rivers, perennial streams, or reservoirs; to provide for exemptions from certain covenant and penalty provisions; to provide for loss current use assessment in certain circumstances; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 610. By Senators Moody of the 56th, Balfour of the 9th, Starr of the 44th, Thomas of the 54th and Chance of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-2065 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to waiver of provisions of Title 20 for charter schools, requirements for operating charter schools, and the control and management of charter schools, so as to provide that nothing

shall preclude the use of computer and Internet based instruction for students in a virtual or remote setting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 613. By Senators Bulloch of the 11th, Kemp of the 46th, Hudgens of the 47th, Tarver of the 22nd and Henson of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to farmers' markets, so as to change certain provisions relating to authority of the Commissioner of Agriculture to provide for safety and security at farmers' markets; to provide for law enforcement on the premises of farmer's markets; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

SB 618. By Senator Moody of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the short title and purpose of the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to change certain provisions relating to eligibility of enrollment for children in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Human Resources; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 619. By Senators Tolleson of the 20th, Bulloch of the 11th, Harp of the 29th and Hudgens of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide for a special license plate supporting programs for persons with brain-related disorders and disabilities; to provide for a portion of the revenue to go to Pilot International; to provide for issuance, renewal, fees, licensing agreements, applications, and transfers relative to such special license plates; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

SB 620. By Senator Carter of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, so as to provide for the imposition of fee by motor vehicle rental companies with respect to certain motor vehicle fees and taxes; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for applicability of sales and use taxation with respect to such fees; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

SB 622. By Senators Tarver of the 22nd and Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 15 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital acquisition, so as to change certain provisions relating to notice of acquisition to the Attorney General; to change certain provisions relating to content and form of notice to the Attorney General, fees, and retention of experts; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 624. By Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Chance of the 16th, Harp of the 29th, Staton of the 18th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior court, so as to provide for a sixth judge of the superior courts of the Coweta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judge to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties comprising said circuit; to authorize the judges of such circuit to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to declare inherent authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 636. By Senator Bulloch of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 1-3-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions of terms used in such code or other laws of the state, so as to define the term biodiesel fuel; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

SB 637. By Senator Smith of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to "Joshua's Law," so as to change the membership of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission; to repeal Section 1 of an Act approved May 10, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 1461), so as to repeal a priority concerning a certain distribution of fines and forfeitures; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 638. By Senators Chance of the 16th, Douglas of the 17th, Stephens of the 27th and Carter of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-14-518 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to liens on aircraft for labor and materials and for contracts of indemnity, so as to provide for filing a notice of intention to claim a lien with the clerk of the superior court; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 644. By Senators Hudgens of the 47th and Kemp of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the compensation of the members and chairperson of the board of education of Madison County; to provide for procedures relative to such increase in compensation; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

SB 648. By Senators Cagle of the 49th and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Medical Assistance Act of 1977," so as to provide that the Department of Community Health shall establish a comprehensive program to monitor for and detect the provision of medical assistance benefits to ineligible individuals; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Human Relations & Aging.

## SB 652. By Senator Thompson of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Austell in Cobb and Douglas counties, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4902), as amended, so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the city council; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for manner of election; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

### SR 126. By Senator Thomas of the 54th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the memory of Clint H. Bryant and designating the bridge by which SR 2 crosses over the Conasauga River at Beaverdale as the Clint H. Bryant Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

### SR 374. By Senator Schaefer of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION commending Roger Caudell and dedicating the "Roger Caudell Highway"; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

# SR 804. By Senators Moody of the 56th and Shafer of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION to create the North Fulton Boundary Commission; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SR 817. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Cagle of the 49th, Rogers of the 21st, Schaefer of the 50th, Pearson of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to restrict amendments that increase appropriations made by the general appropriations Act; to provide for a short title; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SR 853. By Senators Hill of the 32nd, Unterman of the 45th, Tate of the 38th, Thomas of the 54th and Goggans of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Hospital Health Care Standards Commission; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

SR 873. By Senators Stoner of the 6th, Wiles of the 37th, Hill of the 32nd, Rogers of the 21st and Thompson of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION commending the accomplishments of Emory Parrish and dedicating the Emory Parrish Interchange; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 1028. By Senator Thompson of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr., and dedicating the Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr. Memorial Highway in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 1034. By Senator Goggans of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the life of SGT Mathew Vincent Gibbs and dedicating the SGT Mathew Vincent Gibbs Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 1081. By Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Balfour of the 9th, Hill of the 32nd, Shafer of the 48th and Goggans of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Georgia Broadband Education Task Force; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities & Telecommunications.

SR 1085. By Senators Cagle of the 49th and Hill of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for a retirement income exclusion of \$50,000.00 for taxpayers 62 years of age or older and a complete income exclusion for taxpayers 65 years of age or older; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SR 1093. By Senator Grant of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the life of Durward D. (Red) Murphy and dedicating the Durward D. (Red) Murphy Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 1094. By Senator Grant of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the life of Charles S. (Buddy) Cowan, Jr., and dedicating the Charles S. (Buddy) Cowan, Jr. Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 1104. By Senators Harp of the 29th and Tolleson of the 20th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize an exemption from the covenant requirement for bona fide conservation use property as to stream buffer areas for purposes of current use assessment for ad valorem taxation; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Keen of the 179th, Byrd of the 20th, Roberts of the 154th, Coleman of the 144th, and Williams of the 165th.

The following Resolutions of the House, referred to the House Rules Subcommittee on Invites, were reported by the Committee on Rules with the following recommendations:

HR 1202 Do Pass HR 1547 Do Pass

The following Resolutions of the House, favorably reported by the Committee on Rules, were read and adopted:

HR 1202. By Representative Hanner of the 148th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the 2005 Terrell Academy Lady Eagles softball team for winning the Georgia Independent Schools Association Region 3-A and State A Championship titles and inviting the team's players and coaches to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 1547. By Representative Jennings of the 82nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the "We the People: The Citizen and The Constitution" state contest winners from Lakeside High School and inviting them to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 381. By Senators Harp of the 29th and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state and other flags, so as to provide state flags to honor Georgia public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty or who died following extended service to the public of this state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

#### A BILL

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state and other flags, so as to provide state flags to honor Georgia public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty or who died following extended service to the public of this state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

#### **SECTION 1.**

Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state and other flags, is amended by inserting immediately following Code Section 50-3-11 a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-3-12.

- (a) The purpose of this Code section is to recognize and honor those brave men and women who have dedicated their lives to the public safety of the citizens of this state and, in devoted service thereto, contributed to the safety, security, and individual freedom of the citizens of the State of Georgia. To carry out this purpose, the Secretary of State shall, if requested, from funds made available for such purpose, furnish, without cost, a state flag to honor the service of a deceased qualifying public safety officer, which state flag may be displayed in the funeral service of the deceased public safety officer and thereafter given to the officer's estate.
- (b) For purposes of this Code section, a 'qualifying public safety officer' is a peace officer, as defined in Code Section 35-8-2, sheriff, or firefighter, emergency medical technician, or emergency rescue specialist, as each is defined in Code Section 45-9-81, or member of the Georgia National Guard. In addition, 'qualifying public safety officer' is an officer killed in the line of duty or an officer who has served as a qualifying public safety officer for a period of not less than five years. A person committing or convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude or whose certification or license to practice as a public safety officer is revoked or terminated shall not be considered a 'qualifying public safety officer.'
- (c) It shall be the duty of any state or local agency with knowledge of the death of a qualifying public safety officer who is an employee of such agency or who retired from such agency to notify the Secretary of State's office for the purpose of providing a state flag to the deceased's estate. Any advocacy group representing the deceased or the deceased's department may also contact the Secretary of State on behalf of a deceased qualifying public safety officer.
- (d) The Secretary of State is authorized to administer the recognition program set forth in this Code section and to provide rules and regulations and enter into contracts

necessary for the administration of the provisions and the purposes set forth in the Code section."

#### **SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to the death of a qualifying of public safety officer occurring on or after January 1, 2006.

#### **SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Abdul-Salaam	Y Crawford	Y Hill, C.A	Y Martin	Y Sailor
Y Amerson	Y Cummings	Y Holmes	Y Maxwell	Scheid
E Anderson	Y Davis	Y Holt	Y May	Y Scott, A
Y Ashe	Y Day	Y Horne	McCall	Y Scott, M
Y Barnard	Y Dean	Y Houston	E McClinton	Y Setzler
Barnes	Y Dickson	E Howard, E	Y Meadows	Y Shaw
Y Bearden	Y Dodson	Y Hudson	Y Millar	Y Sheldon
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hugley	Y Mills	Y Sims, C
Y Benfield	Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Mitchell	Y Sims, F
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Jacobs	Y Morgan	Sinkfield
Y Black	Ehrhart	Y James	Y Morris	Y Smith, B
Y Bordeaux	Y England	Jamieson	Y Mosby	Y Smith, L
Y Borders	Epps	E Jenkins	Y Mosley	Y Smith, P
Y Bridges	Y Everson	Y Jennings	Y Mumford	Y Smith, R
Y Brooks	Y Fleming	Y Johnson	Y Murphy, J	Y Smith, T
E Brown	Floyd, H	Y Jones, J	Y Murphy, Q	E Smith, V
Y Bruce	E Floyd, J	Y Jones, S	Y Neal	Y Smyre
Y Bryant	Y Fludd	Y Jordan	Y Oliver	Y Stanley-Turner
Y Buckner, D	Y Forster	Y Keen	O'Neal	Y Stephens
Y Buckner, G	Y Franklin	Y Keown	Y Orrock	Y Stephenson
Y Burkhalter	Freeman	Y Kidd	Y Parham	Y Talton
Y Burmeister	Y Gardner	Y Knight	Y Parrish	Y Teilhet
Y Burns	Y Geisinger	Y Knox	Y Parsons	Y Thomas, A.M
Y Butler	Y Golick	Y Lakly	Y Porter	Y Thomas, B
Y Byrd	Y Graves, D	Y Lane, B	Y Powell	Y Tumlin
Y Carter	Y Graves, T	E Lane, R	Y Ralston	Y Walker
Y Casas	Y Greene	Y Lewis	Y Randall	E Warren
Y Chambers	Y Hanner	Y Lindsey	Y Ray	Y Watson
Y Channell	Y Harbin	Y Lord	Y Reece, B	Y Wilkinson
Y Cheokas	Y Hatfield	Y Loudermilk	Y Reece, S	E Willard
Y Coan	Heard, J	Lucas	Y Reese	Y Williams, A
Y Cole	Y Heard, K	Lunsford	Y Rice	Y Williams, E
Y Coleman, B	E Heckstall	Y Maddox	Y Roberts	E Williams, R
Y Coleman, T	Y Hembree	Y Mangham	Rogers	Wix

Y Cooper Y Henson Y Manning Y Royal Y Yates
Y Cox E Hill, C Y Marin Y Rynders Richardson,
Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 148, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th and Heard of the 104th stated that they had been called from the floor of the House during the preceding roll call. They wished to be recorded as voting "aye" thereon.

Due to a mechanical malfunction, the vote of Representative O'Neal of the 146th was not recorded on the preceding roll call. He wished to be recorded as voting "aye" thereon.

SB 436. By Senators Grant of the 25th, Harp of the 29th, Tolleson of the 20th, Pearson of the 51st and Kemp of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to technical and adult education, so as to change certain provisions relating to meetings of the State Board of Technical and Adult Education; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Abdul-Salaam	Y Crawford	Y Hill, C.A	Y Martin	Y Sailor
Y Amerson	Y Cummings	Y Holmes	Y Maxwell	Scheid
E Anderson	Y Davis	Y Holt	Y May	Y Scott, A
Y Ashe	Y Day	Y Horne	McCall	Y Scott, M
Y Barnard	Y Dean	Y Houston	E McClinton	Y Setzler
Barnes	Y Dickson	E Howard, E	Y Meadows	Y Shaw
Y Bearden	Y Dodson	Y Hudson	Y Millar	Y Sheldon
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hugley	Y Mills	Y Sims, C
Y Benfield	Drenner	Jackson	Y Mitchell	Y Sims, F
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Jacobs	Y Morgan	Y Sinkfield
Y Black	Y Ehrhart	Y James	Morris	Y Smith, B
Y Bordeaux	Y England	Jamieson	Y Mosby	Y Smith, L
Y Borders	Epps	E Jenkins	Y Mosley	Y Smith, P
Y Bridges	Y Everson	Jennings	Y Mumford	Y Smith, R
Y Brooks	Y Fleming	Y Johnson	Y Murphy, J	Y Smith, T
E Brown	Y Floyd, H	Y Jones, J	Y Murphy, Q	E Smith, V

Y Bruce	E Floyd, J	Y Jones, S	Y Neal	Y Smyre
Y Bryant	Y Fludd	Y Jordan	Y Oliver	Y Stanley-Turner
Y Buckner, D	Y Forster	Y Keen	Y O'Neal	Y Stephens
Y Buckner, G	Y Franklin	Y Keown	Y Orrock	Y Stephenson
Y Burkhalter	Freeman	Y Kidd	Y Parham	Y Talton
Y Burmeister	Y Gardner	Y Knight	Y Parrish	Y Teilhet
Y Burns	Y Geisinger	Y Knox	Y Parsons	Y Thomas, A.M
Y Butler	Y Golick	Y Lakly	Y Porter	Y Thomas, B
Y Byrd	Y Graves, D	Y Lane, B	Y Powell	Y Tumlin
Y Carter	Y Graves, T	E Lane, R	Ralston	Y Walker
Y Casas	Y Greene	Y Lewis	Y Randall	E Warren
Y Chambers	Y Hanner	Y Lindsey	Y Ray	Y Watson
Y Channell	Y Harbin	Y Lord	Y Reece, B	Y Wilkinson
Y Cheokas	Y Hatfield	Y Loudermilk	Y Reece, S	E Willard
Y Coan	Heard, J	Lucas	Y Reese	Y Williams, A
Y Cole	Y Heard, K	Y Lunsford	Y Rice	Y Williams, E
Y Coleman, B	E Heckstall	Y Maddox	Y Roberts	E Williams, R
Y Coleman, T	Y Hembree	Y Mangham	Y Rogers	Y Wix
Y Cooper	Y Henson	Y Manning	Y Royal	Y Yates
Y Cox	E Hill, C	Y Marin	Y Rynders	Richardson,
				Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 151, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Representative Heard of the 104th stated that he had been called from the floor of the House during the preceding roll call. He wished to be recorded as voting "aye" thereon.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1821. By Representatives May of the 111th, Barnes of the 78th, Coan of the 101st, Burkhalter of the 50th, Graves of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Mr. Reed Sorenson; and for other purposes.

HR 1822. By Representative Day of the 163rd:

A RESOLUTION commending and recognizing Walter Parker, outstanding Georgian and statesman; and for other purposes.

HR 1823. By Representatives Smith of the 129th, Graves of the 137th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Coan of the 101st, May of the 111th and others:

A RESOLUTION welcoming O. Bruton Smith, Jeff Burton, Reed Sorenson, John Andretti, Bill Lester, and David Ragan to Atlanta Motor Speedway Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1824. By Representatives Casas of the 103rd, Richardson of the 19th, Keen of the 179th and Burkhalter of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION commending and recognizing Jessica Lynn Knox on earning the Girl Scouts of America Gold Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1825. By Representatives Coan of the 101st, Sheldon of the 105th and Reese of the 98th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Collins Hill High School Eagles girls basketball team; and for other purposes.

HR 1826. By Representatives Shaw of the 176th and Smith of the 129th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Patten Seed Company and congratulating it on winning the Cox Century Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1827. By Representatives Coan of the 101st, Ehrhart of the 36th and Marin of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION commending Stephen Harlin on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; and for other purposes.

HR 1828. By Representatives Day of the 163rd, Morris of the 155th, Parrish of the 156th, Jones of the 46th, Burmeister of the 119th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. James L. Cherry, a distinguished Georgian, for his pioneering efforts in the disability rights movement; and for other purposes.

HR 1829. By Representative Amerson of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION commending Ian Vickery on becoming an Eagle Scout; and for other purposes.

HR 1830. By Representative Amerson of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION commending Nanon G. Wiles; and for other purposes.

HR 1831. By Representatives Ashe of the 56th and Dean of the 59th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Gideons Elementary School; and for other purposes.

HR 1832. By Representatives Harbin of the 118th, Fleming of the 117th and Burmeister of the 119th:

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th anniversary of the *Columbia County News-Times*; and for other purposes.

On the adoption of the Resolutions, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Abdul-Salaam	Y Crawford	Y Hill, C.A	Y Martin	Y Sailor
Y Amerson	Y Cummings	Holmes	Y Maxwell	Scheid
E Anderson	Y Davis	Y Holt	Y May	Y Scott, A
Y Ashe	Y Day	Y Horne	McCall	Y Scott, M
Y Barnard	Y Dean	Y Houston	E McClinton	Y Setzler
Barnes	Y Dickson	E Howard, E	Y Meadows	Y Shaw
Y Bearden	Y Dodson	Y Hudson	Millar	Y Sheldon
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hugley	Y Mills	Y Sims, C
Y Benfield	Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Mitchell	Y Sims, F
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Jacobs	Morgan	Y Sinkfield
Y Black	Ehrhart	Y James	Y Morris	Y Smith, B
Y Bordeaux	Y England	Jamieson	Y Mosby	Y Smith, L
Y Borders	Epps	E Jenkins	Y Mosley	Y Smith, P
Y Bridges	Y Everson	Y Jennings	Y Mumford	Smith, R
Y Brooks	Y Fleming	Y Johnson	Y Murphy, J	Y Smith, T
E Brown	Y Floyd, H	Y Jones, J	Y Murphy, Q	E Smith, V
Y Bruce	E Floyd, J	Y Jones, S	Y Neal	Y Smyre
Y Bryant	Y Fludd	Y Jordan	Y Oliver	Y Stanley-Turner
Y Buckner, D	Y Forster	Keen	Y O'Neal	Y Stephens
Y Buckner, G	Y Franklin	Y Keown	Orrock	Y Stephenson
Y Burkhalter	Freeman	Y Kidd	Y Parham	Y Talton
Y Burmeister	Y Gardner	Y Knight	Y Parrish	Y Teilhet
Y Burns	Y Geisinger	Y Knox	Y Parsons	Y Thomas, A.M
Y Butler	Y Golick	Y Lakly	Y Porter	Y Thomas, B
Byrd	Y Graves, D	Y Lane, B	Y Powell	Y Tumlin
Y Carter	Y Graves, T	E Lane, R	Y Ralston	Y Walker
Y Casas	Y Greene	Y Lewis	Y Randall	E Warren
Y Chambers	Y Hanner	Y Lindsey	Y Ray	Y Watson
Y Channell	Y Harbin	Lord	Reece, B	Y Wilkinson
Y Cheokas	Y Hatfield	Y Loudermilk	Y Reece, S	E Willard
Y Coan	Y Heard, J	Lucas	Y Reese	Y Williams, A
Y Cole	Heard, K	Y Lunsford	Y Rice	Y Williams, E
Y Coleman, B	E Heckstall	Y Maddox	Y Roberts	E Williams, R
Y Coleman, T	Y Hembree	Y Mangham	Y Rogers	Y Wix
Y Cooper	Y Henson	Y Manning	Y Royal	Y Yates
Cox	E Hill, C	Marin	Y Rynders	Richardson,
				Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolutions, the ayes were 143, nays 0.

The Resolutions were adopted.

Representatives Holmes of the 61st and Orrock of the 58th stated that they had been called from the floor of the House during the preceding roll call. They wished to be recorded as voting "aye" thereon.

Representative Keen of the 179th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.